

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Wright Pride Family Trust, <i>by and through Samuel Wright, Trustee,</i>	)	C/A: 2:25-5972-RMG-TER
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Plaintiff,	)	ORDER
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vs.	)	
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J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., L & K Recovery, LLC,	)	
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Defendants.	)	
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This is a civil action brought by a trust as Plaintiff in state court and a notice of removal filed by defendant. This action is also similar to *Wright Pride Family Trust vs. JP Morgan Chase*, No. 2:25-3377-RMG-TER, which was recommended to be dismissed on June 4, 2025.

**Wright Pride Family Trust is hereby apprised that it cannot appear *pro se* in this civil action. Plaintiff is not an individual and must retain counsel in order to proceed.** The United States Supreme Court has stated, “the lower courts have uniformly held that 28 U.S.C. § 1654, providing that ‘parties may plead and conduct their own cases personally or by counsel,’ does not allow corporations, partnerships, or associations to appear in federal court otherwise than through a licensed attorney.” *Rowland v. Calif. Men’s Colony*, 506 U.S. 194, 202 (1993) (citations omitted). **“A trustee cannot represent a trust *pro se* in federal court.”** *Corley v. Leach*, No. 2:23-cv-04935-BHH-MHC, 2024 WL 1558609, at \*3 (D.S.C. Mar. 19, 2024), *report and recommendation adopted*, 2024 WL 1557094 (D.S.C. Apr. 10, 2024)(collecting cases). Public records show trustee Samuel Wright is not an attorney.

It necessarily follows from the jurisprudence prohibiting *pro se* representation that **any pleading filed by a lay person must be disregarded as a nullity if counsel is not retained by the trust. If no counsel is retained, this action may not proceed further. Counsel shall file a Notice of Appearance in this action within 30 days from the date of this order.**

IT IS SO ORDERED.

June 20, 2025  
Florence , South Carolina

s/ Thomas E. Rogers, III  
Thomas E. Rogers, III  
United States Magistrate Judge